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SUBJECT: HARRASSMENT OF LOCAL EMPLOYEE

REF: BAGHDAD 678, 710, 730, 733 AND STATE 222890

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE FROM REFTELS WE ARE EXPLORING EVERY CONCEIVEABLE WAY TO PROTECT USINT LOCAL EMPLOYEE ABBAS SOUSA AND HIS FAMILY (WIFE AND TWO SONS) FROM CONTINUAL HARRASSMENT AND POSSIBLE PHYSICAL HARM AT HANDS IRAQI SECRET POLICE. ABBAS IS EXCEPTIONALLY ABLE AND LOYAL USG EMPLOYEE OF OVER 17 YEARS. HE WAS DRIVER FOR LAST TWO AMBASSADORS. FOR USINT HE NOT ONLY PO'S DRIVER BUT SERVES AS EXPEDITOR AND GUARD OF OFFICE. ABBAS IS PROUD, ILLITERATE KURD AND IT IS MY GUESS THAT HE HAS BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL HARRASSMENT BECAUSE HE IS ONLY USINT EMPLOYEE WHO HAS NOT COOPERATED WITH SECRET POLICE. THEREFORE, THEY BELIEVE AN EXAMPLE MUST BE MADE OF HIM.

2. AT MY REQUEST ABBAS WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION AND SUMMONS FOR NOV 26 COURT APPEARANCE IN WRITING FROM LOCAL POLICE STATION. OUR TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF NOTIFICATION IS: QUOTE MASBAH POLICE STATION NO. 1660 OCTOBER 31, 1974 TO BELGIAN EMBASSY USINT SUBJECT: NOTIFYING THE ACCUSED. PGH YOU ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY YOUR EMPLOYEE, DRIVER ABBAS ALI SOUSA, TO APPEAR AT THE MAGISTRATES COURT OF KARRADA AL-SHARQIYA ON MORNING
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OF NOVEMBER 26, 1974 REGARDING THE CAR ACCIDENT INVOLVING

YOUR VEHICLE 10/2 AND THE VEHICLE BEARING REGISTRATION
BAGHDAD 30203 SIGNED KAZZAM DIAB AL-DULAIMI, POLICE OFFICER
MASBAH POLICE STATION END QUOTE.

3. TEXT OF SUMMONS: TO THE ACCUSED ABBAS ALI SOUSA, DRIVER
AT BELGIAM EMBASSY, RESIDING AT THE SAME EMBASSY. YOUR
PRESENCE IS REQUIRED AT THE MAGISTRATE'S (JAZA) COURT OF
KARRADA AL-SHARQIYA ON MORNING OF NOVEMBER 26, 1974
WITHOUT DELAY. SIGNED SAME AS PREVIOUS. END QUOTE.

4. AS DEPT AWARE ACCIDENT REFERRED TO OCCURED ON SEPT 8,
1973. AS REPORTED AT TIME I IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATED
ACCIDENT INCLUDING INSPECTION OF BOTH CARS AND SHORT QUEST-
IONING OF TWO IRAQI "BUSINESSMEN" INVOLVED. TOTAL DAMAGE
TO BOTH CARS WAS LESS THAN 20 DOLLARS. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT
"ACCIDENT" HAD BEEN STAGED AS PRETEXT FOR ARREST AND
POLICE MADE LITTLE EFFORT TO CONCEAL THAT FACT. TWO
"BUSINESSMEN" PARTICIPATED IN BEATING ABBAS UNDERWENT
LAST MONTH (BAGHDAD 678). DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REVIEW
REPORTING OF SEPTEMBER 1973 (BAGHDAD 470, 475, 479, 481, 484,
494, 507, 515).

5. BEST SOLUTION TO THIS HARRASSMENT AND ONE WHICH SUITS
ABBAS BEST IS FOR ENTIRE FAMILY TO LEAVE COUNTRY ASAP. ABBAS
CANNOT LEAVE LEGALLY AND I HAVE SLENDER HOPE OF HIS
GETTING OUT ILLEGALLY. WE ARE SEEKING INS RULING ON PAROLE
STATUS FOR FAMILY IN EVENT THEIR DEPARTURE TAKES PLACE AND
ABBAS UNABLE TO FOLLOW. ON NOVEMBER 2 ABBAS RECEIVED ANOTHER
PHONE CALL FROM SECURITY OFFICIAL THREATENING TO KILL
ENTIRE FAMILY.

6. MEANWHILE, DESPITE RISK I BELIEVE
DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONSIDER MAKING STRONGEST POSSIBLE PROTEST
TO MANSOUR WITH PARALLEL PROTEST HERE EITHER BY ME OR
BELGIAN CHARGE IF HE AGREES. PROTEST SHOULD CONTAIN NO
THREATS BUT REFER TO DEPT NOTE OF SEPT 14, 1973 AND
STRESS THAT HARRASSMENT OF USINT LOCAL INTERFERES UNDULY
WITH PERFORMANCE OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MISSION CONTRARY
TO ARTICLE 38, PARA 2 OF VIENNA CONVENTION. ORALLY, I BELIEVE
IT MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE TO POINT OUT USG HAS ATTEMPTED TO
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CONVEY POSITIVE IMAGE OF IRAQ TO AMERICAN BUSINESS
COMMUNITY AND WISHES TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. IN THIS
CONNECTION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CITE ARTICLE IN
"COMMERCE TODAY" OF JUNE 24, 1974. HEAD OF IRAQI INTSEC
WASHINGTON MANSOUR TOLD ME FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD SEEN AND
APPRECIATED THIS ARTICLE.

7. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, MFA HAS VIRTUALLY NO AUTHORITY

TO INTERFERE IN MATTERS INVOLVING SECRET POLICE, BUT IF WE CAN REACH HIGHER LEVEL THROUGH MFA IT MIGHT HAVE DESIRED EFFECT. IF SUCH DEMARCHES HAVE NO IMPACT, DEPARTMENT MAY THEN WISH TO CONSIDER LEAKING SOME PUBLICITY ABOUT HARRASSMENT OF USINT WITHOUT MENTIONING NAMES. WHILE THIS CARRIES EVEN GREATER RISK FOR ABBAS--AND PERHAPS OTHER EMPLOYEES OF USINT--IT MIGHT SUCCEED IN ATTRACTING ATTENTION OF HIGHEST POLITICAL AUTHORITY WHICH IS ONLY POWER THAT CAN CALL OFF SECRET POLICE.

8. WOULD APRECIATE EARLY DEPT REPLY TO ABOVE SUGGESTIONS AND TO BAGHDAD 730.
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